

Application No. 10/733,880

PATENT
Docket No. 58013-027100**REMARKS**

The Office Action issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the office action have been carefully considered. Claims 1, and 16-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 4, 6-7, and 9 have been amended. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action dated June 24, 2005, is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is a new claim that simply further defines the invention emphasizing that a base can be other things than just a plate. Additionally, all of the elements of Claim 1 is well supported in the original as-filed application and do not present new matter.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for some informalities in the drawings. See Appendix for appropriate correction.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification for a number of informalities. The specification has been amended to provide appropriate correction.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 4 and 7 due to informalities in the claim language. Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to provide appropriate correction. Claims 2-5 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 2 has been amended into independent form including all limitations. Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 6, and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of Monteleone. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6 and 9-12, as amended, depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 2. Accordingly, such claims are deemed to be novel over Thomas in view of Monteleone by virtue of such dependency.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 7, 8, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of Monteleone, and further in view of Bauer et al. Claim 16-19 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 7 and 8, as amended, depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 2. Therefore, such claims are deemed to be novel over Thomas in view of Monteleone, and further in view of Bauer et al at least by virtue of such dependency.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of Monteleone, and further in view of Lowry. Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 13, as amended, indirectly depends from allowable claim 2. Therefore, claim 13 is deemed to be novel over Thomas in view of Monteleone, and further in view of Bauer et al by virtue of such dependency.

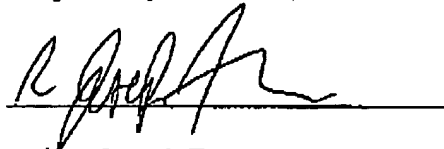
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Applicants have complied with all requirements made in the above referenced communication. Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and therefore, respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should matters remain, which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent at (310) 586-6565.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number 50-2638. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 58013-027100 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

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